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For : PSCA: PROSTATE STEM CELL ANTIGEN AND USES THEREOF

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X)**

Applicants submit this Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X) to request that the U.S. Patent Office expedite examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants contend that expedited examination of the subject application will advance the field of treating and preventing cancer and related diseases.

The subject application qualifies for expedited examination under 37 CFR §1.102(d) and MPEP §708.02(X) because the subject application provides novel compositions for treating and/or preventing cancers associated with PSCA, e.g. prostate cancer or cancers related thereto such as bone cancer metastasized from prostate cancer. The composition of the invention is directed to antibodies that bind a Prostate Stem Cell Antigen (PSCA) protein which is over-expressed as a cell-surface antigen in said cancers. The anti-PSCA antibodies are used to inhibit the growth of cancer cells expressing PSCA proteins, so as to

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fight diseases of or related to cancer. Thus, the anti-PSCA antibodies contribute an important new tool in developing effective treatments for, e.g., prostate cancer and related diseases. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be accorded "special" status and its examination be expedited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request that pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(X), the subject application be accorded "special" status and its prosecution be expedited. The fee for submitting a Petition to Make Special under 37 CFR 1.17(h) is \$130.00. Applicants enclose a check for the amount of \$130.00. If any additional fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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